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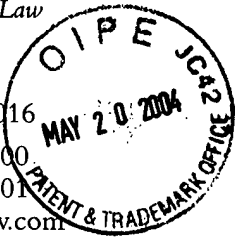
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AND METHODS OF USE

Inventors: David Alland, Barry R. Bloom and William R. Jacobs, Jr.

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Sir:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing in connection with the above-identified application in the names of David Alland, Barry R. Bloom and William R. Jacobs, Jr., entitled THE iniB, iniA AND iniC GENES OF MYCOBACTERIA AND METHODS OF USE:

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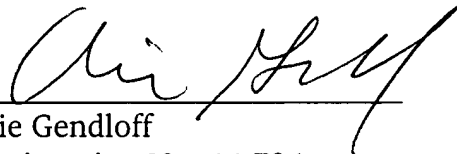
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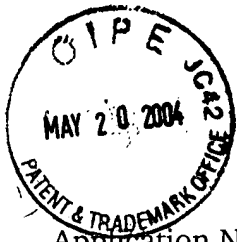
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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is in response to the February 20, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified case. A response to the Office Action is due May 20, 2004. Accordingly, this Reply is being timely filed.

Amendments

Please enter the following amendments in this case.